

The Paul and Jill Ruddock Performing Arts Centre

This new joint £10m facility between King Edward's and KEHS, is opening in April 2012. It will provide a main auditorium with seating for over 400 and a stage big enough for an orchestra of 90, a drama studio that will seat 120 in various configurations, a large dance/performance space and teaching, rehearsal and practice rooms.

There will be an Opening Festival during the summer term and we are planning two special music and drama weekends for Old Edwardians of both KES and KEHS.

Music Weekend – 16th and 17th June

This weekend will include an Orchestral concert on the Saturday and a Choral concert on the Sunday. There will also be a celebratory dinner on the Saturday night. We are looking for both participants (orchestral players and singers) and audience members. **[You can find more information, and book online, here.](#)**

Drama Weekend – 30th June and 1st July

This weekend will include a 'Play in a Day' which will be performed on the Saturday night. There will also be an archive exhibition of previous dramatic productions and a hog roast and drinks reception for everyone to catch up. We are looking for participants (actors, production team members) and audience members. **[You can find more information, and book online, here.](#)**

To be a participant in either weekend you will need to book by **Friday 30th March** everyone else should book by **Friday 1st June**.

Please do also pass this information onto anyone else that you think would be interested.